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SUBJECT: IMCO HEADQUARTERS FACILITIES

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1. DEPARTMENT SHARES CONCERNS EXPRESSED REFTTEL, BUT IS RELUCTANT TO REST ON SRIVASTAVA'S ASSESSMENT THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO WAY TO PERSUADE UK AT THIS POTNT TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING WITH RESPECT TO FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW IMCO HEADQUARTERS AND INVITES EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON BILATERAL APPROACHES WHICH MIGHT BE MOST PRODUCTIVE.

2. ACTIONS TAKEN ON HEADQUARTERS PROBLEM SINCE LAST ASSEMBLY HAVE POINTED UP ISSUE IN WAY WHICH MAY HAVE TO BE FACED SQUARELY AT NEXT MEETINGS OF COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY UNLESS DISTANCE CAN BE NARROWED CONSIDERABLY BETWEEN WHAT UK NOW IS PREPARED TO OFFER AND WHAT MEMBER GOVERNMENTS MIGHT BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT. PRESENT UK
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PROPOSAL APPEARS TO INVOLVE LITTLE FINANCIAL INPUT BY

UK, DESPITE USUAL AND CONSIDERABLE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ADVANTAGES UK GAINS AS HOST GOVERNMENT, WHILE CONTRIBUTIONS OF IMCO MEMBERS COULD BE EXPECTED ROUGHLY TO DOUBLE. PROPOSAL OF THIS SORT IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO INVITE AT LEAST TENTATIVE CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR IMCO HEAD-QUARTERS, AND POSSIBLY FIRM OFFERS, AT ASSEMBLY IN NOVEMBER, IF NOT AT COUNCIL IN JUNE. MOREOVER, STRINGENT TERMS OF UK

PROPOSAL DO NOT STAND EASY COMPARISON WITH WHAT OTHER HOST GOVERNMENTS HAVE FURNISHED TO COMPARABLE UN SYSTEM HEADQUARTERS, AND CAUSE US TO WONDER WHETHER ALL CONCERNED PARTIES OF HMG (ESPECIALLY FCO) HAVE EXAMINED FULL RANGE OF BENEFITS UK DERIVES FROM HAVING IMCO HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON.

3. AS US AND UK HAVE MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE INTERESTS IN RETAINING IMCO HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON, WE BELIEVE BASIS EXISTS FOR USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BILATERALLY AT THIS STAGE BEFORE IMCO COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY BECOME SEIZED OF ISSUE PRESENT UK PROPOSAL LIKELY TO EVOKE. POINT WE WOULD WISH TO GET ACROSS TO UK WOULD NOT BE CRITIQUE OF MANNER IN WHICH UK EXERCISING ITS HOSTSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES (AREA IN WHICH US TOO HAS BEEN OBJECT OF CRITICISM), BUT RATHER CONSEQUENCES WE FORESEE IF UK IS UNABLE TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE WOULD WISH TO EXPLORE WITH UK POSSIBILITY THERE MIGHT BE FOR UK TO DEVELOP MORE FORTHCOMING PROPOSAL WITHIN TERMS IT FEELS IT CAN AFFORD BEFORE IMCO IS CONFRONTED WITH ALTERNATIVE OFFER TO LOCATE HEADQUARTERS ELSEWHERE ON TERMS UK WOULD NOT WISH TO MATCH.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHERE AND AT WHAT LEVEL SUCH APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE TO BE MOST PRODUCTIVE ON THIS QUESTION, AND LINE OF ARGUMENTATION LIKELY TO BE MOST PERSUASIVE. IF AD HOC WORKING GROUP

MEETING WHICH REFTEL ANTICIPATED WOULD BE HELD NEXT WEEK IS LIKELY TO INTRODUCE SIGNIFICANT NEW CONSIDERATIONS, EMBASSY MAY DELAY RESPONSE TO TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT. KISSINGER
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